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During this quarter SAFE had 2 major releases that included enhancements to existing functionality as well as the addition of new modules. Some of the enhancements included an updated adoption subsidy process to allow for extended subsidy agreements. SAFE also added new display and printing options to the Child and Family Plan. This was based on extensive user focus group participation. Additional provider enhancements were made as part of a phased implementation of a foster parent-licensing module. This included transmitting additional payment information to USSDS—the Department's legacy payment system. Additionally, a more robust search was created to identify whether potential foster parent providers or kinship caregivers had been supported for severe or chronic Child Abuse or Neglect allegations.

New functionality included an ICPC /ICAMA module. This allows for the management of Interstate cases to be tracked more accurately. Also new to the system was a bi-directional interface with the Juvenile Court system—CARE. This gave users the ability to research upcoming hearing calendars and prior court documents, and identifies elements such as restitution requirements. In conjunction with this project SAFE completed a major upgrade of the PowerBuilder programming language. This allowed the SAFE/CARE interface to utilize new web service technology. Another new element was giving the Office of Licensing the ability to create provider license applications in SAFE. Although this functionality is currently in production, the Office of Licensing is waiting to use this until their background-screening module is completed in March of 2009.